

LAST EDITION.
HEED THIS ORDER.

Aldermen Order Electric Lights in the Fourth Avenue Tunnel.

Grand Jury and Legislative Action Soon to Follow.

More Evidence of the Car Stoves' Part in the Disaster.

Manager Platt Defends the Block Signals at To-Day's Inquest.

Aldermen Harris, Morgan and G. R. Morris, constituting a majority of the Committee on Law of the Common Council, to-day reported in favor of the ordinance requiring the lighting of the railroad tunnel in Fourth Avenue by electricity or other suitable means.

After three days' rest, Coroner Levy and his jury of solid, representative business men this morning resumed their inquest on the death of Helen T. Supple and the other unfortunate victims in the fatal Fourth Avenue Tunnel collision of Friday, Feb. 28.

Meanwhile, the District Attorney's office and our legislators at Albany have been busy, and the action taken by them should bring the Coroner's jury to additional aid in probing the tunnel disaster to the bottom, determining the exact cause of the terrible slaughter of human lives, and deciding who are the responsible parties.

The Grand Jury to-day, under Foreman Alvin J. Cameron, is giving its attention to the tunnel disaster, and the ringing words of Justice Fitzgerald are still fresh in their minds.

In his charge to the Grand Jury, Justice Fitzgerald said:

A recent railroad accident, accompanied by a considerable loss of life, emphasizes the necessity for the strict enforcement of all laws designed to secure the comfort and safety of the traveling public.

It is the duty of the Grand Jury to see that the laws are strictly enforced, and that the responsible parties are held to account.

Further reports of the lively interest taken in the results of the tunnel disaster by our State legislators come from Albany to-day.

In addition to the Assemblyman Walter G. Byrne's bill for the lighting by electricity and ventilation of railroad tunnels, another bill, not at all conflicting with its predecessor, has been brought before the lawmakers.

The new bill made its appearance in the Senate last night, and was introduced by Senator Michael F. Collins, of the Sixteenth District, Troy.

Senator Collins' bill provides that all telegraph operators who do railroad work shall undergo examinations as to their qualifications for their duties and receive certificates from the State Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Judge Isaac Hamburger, who was absent last Friday, has recovered from the attack of inflammatory rheumatism which he contracted during the jury's visit to the tunnel last Tuesday, and was the first to arrive this morning.

Mr. Hamburger had read Friday's proceedings, as reported in The Evening World, and Coroner Levy told him it would not be necessary for him to review the stenographer's official minutes.

The proceedings were delayed this morning by the temporary absence of the stenographer who had been summoned by a duces tecum to testify in a Supreme Court case before Justice Barrett.

The jury also was rendered incomplete by the absence of Judge John D. Crimmins, who has been confined to his home for several days by a bad cold.

William D. Brown, the rear brakeman on the "shop" train, was also reported still confined to his home by his injuries received in the collision, and sent a certificate from Dr. Richard A. Wells to that effect.

Unless he is able to attend the inquest in a day or two, his deposition will be taken.

The presence of an individual known as "Stomp," who tends to the fires in the New Haven cars, was also unobtainable, according to Coroner Levy. He is a very desirable witness, and Lawyer Tall volunteered to try to find him.

The first witness to-day was William H. Brumpton, conductor of the Boston and Albany train, whose cars became the "shop" train after arriving from New Haven the morning of the fatal collision.

street, foreman of New York Central car-cleasers at Mott Haven, said he was on the "shop" train and rode in coach 30, which was just ahead of smoker 172, the last car.

The car was w-r-m, and the heater was in the north end. Among the occupants of the car between him and the heater was Helen T. Supple, one of the victims. He didn't know the others.

When the collision occurred Sweeney was rendered partially unconscious by the shock. When he revived the car was on fire and full of smoke and steam. He saw red-hot coals right under his feet on the floor.

The witness crawled out of a window on the top of the car and was pulled up out of the tunnel by citizens who gathered about the opening.

Just after the shock occurred, the witness said, Mrs. Supple called to him:

"Here I am," he replied, "where are you?"

"Under a seat," she replied.

The witness looked around to see where he could get out, and intended to help Mrs. Supple out; but before he could get to her the car was ablaze and he had time only to save himself.

The witness thought that the oil from the car lamps was spilled by the collision and fed the flames.

In reply to a question from Lawyer Tall, the New Haven and Hartford Company's attorney Sweeney said that he could not say whether or not the headlight of the New Haven train behind might have caused the fire.

Mrs. Ross McManis, Mrs. Anna McGowan and Kate O'Keefe, all Central car-cleasers, were on the "shop" train, but were five cars ahead of the wreck and knew nothing of the particulars.

Charles H. Platt, General Manager of the Grand Central Station, was next called.

Mr. Platt lives at 2008 Madison avenue. He has charge of the movement of all trains through the tunnel, and has held his position for fifteen months.

Mr. Platt said calmly and deliberately that he did not believe the present system of signals in the tunnel could be improved.

He had nothing to do with the ventilation or physical condition of the tunnel, so far as the tunnel itself was concerned.

Mr. Platt admitted that he had known two or three instances where the signals had failed to work, but had remained only half turned, or "half-cooked."

He said that there could be no doubt whatever that the signals at Seventy-second street were at danger when the collision occurred at Eighty-fourth street, and when the jury collision was narrowly averted in the west side tunnel, two hours later. The system was in perfect order that morning.

The Assistant District Attorney then asked the witness regarding the head officials of the tunnel road, giving an inkling that these dignitaries may be summoned before the jury.

Mr. Platt said that the going connected with danger signals would not ring when trains passed at a rate of speed greater than sixteen miles an hour. Engineers are not required to run at that rate through the tunnel. They are instructed to see all signals if it takes a half-hour to get through the tunnel.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE SIGNAL SERVICE. The witness said that from 400 to 415 trains and engines passed through the tunnel every twenty-four hours, not over 35 or 40 in any one direction.

The signal operators had no time to read novels, but they had no difficulty in attending to their duties, which the witness did not consider over arduous.

Mr. Platt did not consider it possible to satisfy the tunnel in its present unimproved condition.

If the entire tunnel constituted a block and only one train was allowed in the tunnel at a time the witness thought the danger to the public might be decreased, but at the same time it would interfere with the movement of trains and the same public would be greatly dissatisfied.

Mr. Platt considered hard coal no less objectionable than soft coal, so long as it was used in the tunnel.

He had known of six instances in his fifteen months' experience where engineers had disregarded or had not seen signals and had run by them through a whole block.

CITY NEWS PERSELY TOLD.

To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Notebook and Docket.

Fell from Second Story to Cellar and Was Unharmed.

Angust Stork, fourteen years old, of 3034 Second avenue, this morning fell from the second story through the hatchway of 88 Franklin street into the cellar and escaped unhurt.

Her Burns Proved Fatal.

Anna Lawrence, the colored servant girl who was burned by her clothes taking fire at 149 West Forty-sixth street, yesterday, died at St. Luke's Hospital this morning.

Jewelry Thief Held for Examination.

Philip Redmond, of Brooklyn, who broke the window of Jeweller Seckel's store at 40 Whitehall street yesterday and stole a gold watch, a bracelet, and two finger rings, was held in \$1,000 bail at the Tombs Police Court this morning.

Badly Lacerated by a Dog.

Thomas Twory, aged eleven, of 81 Washington street, had his lips and cheek badly lacerated by a dog yesterday. Justice Hyman to-day issued a summons for the appearance of the dog's owner, Henry Schmitt, 23 Washington street, at the Tombs.

Police Justice Taintor, President.

The New York Republican Club will meet at 105 West Twenty-first street and District Police Justice Charles N. Taintor President.

Beekman Still on Top.

Ex-Corporation Counsel Henry B. Beekman was re-elected County Democracy leader in the Third Assembly District last evening.

Its Body Found in the Dump.

The body of a child, about six months old, was found this morning in a box in a sewer at the West Twelfth street dump. It was taken to Morgue.

Voort's Primaries To-Morrow.

The New York (Voort's) Democracy will hold primaries in each of the Assembly Districts of the city, with the exception of the Twenty-first, to-morrow night.

His Head Cut by the Fall.

John Miller, sixty-five years old, of 99 Stanton street, fell to-day at the corner of Canal and Elizabeth streets. His head was badly cut.

Insane at Her Hotel.

Annie Thomas, thirty-three years old, who came from the West and was on her way to Wales, was found suffering from temporary insanity in the Atlantic Hotel, 388 West street, yesterday afternoon. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

President Dunning Prosecutes.

William H. Dunning, President of the United States Life Insurance Company, of Detroit, who was robbed at the New York Hotel in this city by the gang, John Johnson, appeared in Jefferson Market Court this morning, but the case was postponed.

Pocket-Picking in Church.

COLLISION IN NORTH RIVER.

Schooner Buena Vista Badly Injured by the Ferryboat Bergen.

Panic Among the Passengers—Official Report of the Accident.

A collision between the Hoboken ferryboat Bergen and the schooner Buena Vista, bound from Red Bank, N. J., to this city, in which the latter was badly injured, occurred about 10 o'clock this morning in the North River.

The shock caused a panic on board the Bergen, which was crowded with passengers.

The Buena Vista was turned over on her side, and her captain, James Wilson, and Walter Smith, a boy, who were the only persons on board of her, barely escaped with their lives.

To add to the excitement a rumor was spread on the Bergen that the schooner had been instantly sunk and that several lives were lost.

The big ferryboat swung to and fro, and somebody said she was sinking.

There was a rush for the life-preservers, but Philip Beckwith and the deckhands acted promptly. The former at once started the engine at full speed to show that the vessel was able to proceed on her journey without danger, and the latter did everything they could to quiet the thoroughly frightened men and women.

The Buena Vista, after the collision, keeled over on her port side and drifted out of sight in the prevailing snowstorm which gave rise to the report that she had gone to the bottom.

Her captain was rescued by the tug D. K. Neill, and his boy clambered on board the Bergen.

Sup't. C. W. Woolsey, of the Ferry Company, made the statement of the accident.

"The Bergen had left her slip on the Hoboken side for Barclay street, and had proceeded about four hundred feet, when she was 'pocketed' by a lot of tugs.

"She was at a dead standstill when the Buena Vista bore down upon her.

"Philip Beckwith told me he gave the usual signal of warning.

"It was not needed by the Buena Vista, and a minute later she ran into the Bergen's bow on her starboard side.

The schooner keeled over and drifted towards the coal bunkers, where she is now lying.

"The captain's boy told me that Wilson's her owner. She was fifty-five tons burden and was engaged in carrying fertilizer from the foot of Sixteenth street, where she was bound, to Red Bank."

Capt. Wilson is yet to be heard from. The vessel landed in the city, and it is not known where he went.

AT BAR FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Young Paymaster Tucker's Arrest a Sensation.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

Elizabeth N. J. March 3.—Paymaster Tucker, the society young man and ex-President of the Ovis Club, who was arrested last night for alleged embezzlement of money from the Singer Sewing Machine Company, was arraigned in Court to-day.

Sup't. Miller said, that as appeared from a hurried examination of Tucker's accounts he had embezzled many sums of money.

It was, however, impossible to determine the amount of the shortage until the pay-rolls for several months had been compared with the sums paid the employees.

Sup't. Miller said the way the game was worked was to alter the figures on the pay roll.

Tucker pleaded not guilty, and demanded a hearing, which was set down for Saturday next at 10 A. M. and bail fixed at \$100,000.

CONSUL RIVA WORKED UP.

He Says Byrnes was Willing to Receive That Gold Medal.

Letter to Mayor Grant Protesting Against Such Treatment.

It now seems probable that international complications of a serious nature may result from the refusal of Inspector Byrnes to accept the medal and diploma tendered to him by the Italian Government through Consul-General Riva.

The Consul General has written a letter to Mayor Grant in regard to the matter, in which he expresses his injured feelings very plainly.

He also says that he had received assurances from Inspector Byrnes long before the medal was received that the honor would be appreciated, and that the Mayor would be pleased to accept the medal and diploma.

There seems to be something very contradictory in the statements made by the Inspector and the Consul General in regard to the matter.

The Consul says the affair has put him in a rather embarrassing position with his Government, and he says he feels that the Inspector should have let him know beforehand that he could not accept the gift, instead of waiting until it had been sent for and had actually arrived.

The text of the letter is as follows:

"CONSUL GENERAL RIVA, NEW YORK, March 3, 1891.

"To His Honor, Mayor Grant, Mayor of the City of New York.

"HONORABLE SIR: It was not without sorrowful astonishment that I was informed that Mr. Thomas Byrnes, Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police, had declined to accept the honor which His Majesty, the King of Italy, my August Sovereign, was pleased to bestow on him as it was reported to His Royal Consulate by Your Honor's Secretary.

"The Government of His Majesty the King of Italy has no doubt that the refusal of Mr. Byrnes to accept the honor which His Majesty was pleased to bestow on him as it was reported to His Royal Consulate by Your Honor's Secretary.

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TAKE BACK YOUR GOLD!

He Might Have Been a Russian, A Frenchman or a Prussian, Or else I-tal-i-an;



CONGRESS'S WAVING HOURS.

French Spoliation Claims Hitched to the Deficiency Bill.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The Fifty-first Congress has until 12 o'clock noon to-morrow to remain in existence, and its last hours are witnessing the usual scramblings and hustlings of such a Congress in its final period.

In the Senate this morning there was an executive session of fifty minutes. Then the reserved amendment to the Deficiency Appropriation bill was taken up and agreed to.

Next came the amendment involving the French spoliation claims, the report of Congress after Congress.

Mr. Edmunds made a point of order that each claim was a private claim and required a separate bill.

The Chair held the point of order not well taken, and a long discussion followed under the five-minute rule.

Mr. Stewart appealed from the decision of the Chair, but withdrew his appeal. A vote on the amendment was taken, resulting in 41 yeas, 14 nays.

The matter must go to the House for final action.

The Copyright bill was still in a very precarious situation to-day.

Mr. Platt was prepared to move in the Senate, at the first opportunity, that the Senate recede from the Sherman amendment, and failing in that, to ask for another conference.

The outlook was most unpromising, although it was thought something might be saved at the last moment.

WHERE'S LAWYER STILLWELL?

Disappeared from Mt. Vernon—Forged Collateral Found.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

MOUNT VERNON, March 3.—The disappearance of Lawyer Stephen J. Stillwell, of the well-known firm of Swift & Stillwell, of this place, has given rise to much speculation and many rumors.

Stillwell, who is ex-Town Counsel of East Chester, moves in good society, and both he and his wife belong to wealthy families. He disappeared last Friday and has not been seen since.

Lawyer Stillwell was married about five years ago, and lately his domestic troubles have been the subject of much gossip.

FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

Parnell Seems to Regain His Control in Ireland.

(DUBLIN CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

LONDON, March 3.—Mr. Parnell's continued evasions in all the Irish cities and towns that he has yet visited, is seriously disturbing the English Liberals.

It is now generally admitted that he is meeting with unexpected support, while the Mr. McCarthyites appear to have little or no hold upon the affections of the people, in spite of the opposition of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

In short, the situation is unpropitious to the Government, and appears to have entirely changed.

It is now admitted here, by leading Liberals, that at the approaching general election, unless the unexpected should transpire, Mr. Parnell will elect a large majority of the Irish representatives to the next Parliament.

A Prince of Sixty Betrothed to Louise, of Schleswig-Holstein.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

BERLIN, March 3.—George Vicer, Prince of Waldeck-Pyrmont, has been betrothed to the Princess Louise, of Schleswig-Holstein. The Prince, who is sixty years of age, is the father of the Duchess of Albany.

Dock Strikers Driving Shipping Merchants Out of England.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, March 3.—In consequence of the expectation of a general strike among the dockmen, several large shipping merchants have decided to transfer their business from England to other countries.

One leading firm in Cardiff, which has 250,000 invested in shipping, has already made arrangements to remove to Antwerp.

A Woman's Arm and Leg Found in Canal Archway.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, March 3.—This morning the left leg and right arm of a woman were found in an archway of the Regent's Canal, on the Cambridge Heath road, wrapped in thick, coarse cloth.

The canal is being drained in hopes of discovering the rest of the body.

Sadler Discharged—He Was Not Jack the Ripper.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, March 3.—Sadler, the man who has been held on suspicion of being Jack the Ripper and of the murder of the latest Whitechapel victim, was released from custody to-day.

Henry Irving, on Wales's Proposal, Elected to Marlborough Club.

(DUBLIN CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

LONDON, March 3.—Henry Irving has been elected to the select circle of Marlborough Club, which nearly has Marlborough House, the residence of the Prince of Wales, on Pall Mall, and of which Mr. H. H. may be said to be the presiding genius.

It was the Prince who proposed the popular actor for membership.

DEATH LIST OF TWENTY-FOUR.

Terrible Results of the Great Storm About Newport News.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

NORFOLK, Va., March 3.—A death list of twenty-four, with the possibility that it may be still higher, is reported from Newport News as a result of the recent great storm.

Several bodies have been washed ashore and have floated by.

Among the losses reported are fourteen men from a schooner wrecked at the mouth of the Warwick River and seven or eight from a yacht exploded at the mouth of Waters Creek.

Another boat is reported to have gone down in the latter's vicinity, but the particulars are not known.

Two men who went out in a canoe are missing.

Col. Fellows Visiting in Congress.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Col. John H. Fellows is a guest on the floor of the House under the friendly wing of Gen. Spooner.

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COULD WON'T SERVE.

Again Refuses to Act as a Juror in General Sessions.

Fined Another \$100 and Declared in Contempt.

Judge Martine Dwells on the Gravity of the Offense.

Millionsaire Jay Gould is once more contumacious as a witness for jury duty, and this time he may not get off with a fine.

When his name was called yesterday as a petit juror in Part II. of the General Session the Little Wizard of Wall street failed to respond, and there was no one present to explain the cause of his absence.

This is a contempt of Court and is punishable by a fine of \$100 and in such other way as the Court in its discretion may deem right and proper, depending upon the seriousness of the offense.

As Mr. Gould had been summoned as a juror in the same court for the June Term of 1890 and had treated the mandate with the same indifference, Judge Martine sent a note over to the Corporation Counsel's office to find out whether the millionsaire delinquent had paid the fine imposed on that occasion.

He received an answer from Assistant Corporation Counsel Rank to the effect that Mr. Gould had paid his former fine of \$100 with \$10 costs, but that the amount was not collected until Dec. 11, 1890.

Judge Martine accordingly entered the fine a second time, and the Clerk of General Sessions will send the case to the Corporation Counsel again for collection.

It appears from the records of the Court that Mr. Gould has been summoned as a juror a great number of times during the last twenty years, but none of the officers of the Court, even Chief Clerk Sparks, whose recollection of such matters goes back to a period considerably anterior to the famous Erie war, when Gould first began to be prominent in public affairs, can ever remember seeing him in the building.

If the Court has reason to believe that a person who habitually absents himself from jury duty when he is summoned is guilty of a wilful contempt," said Judge Martine to an *Evening World* reporter this morning, "it has the power to bring such a person before it and impose a penalty much more severe than the ordinary fine."

"Such contempt of Court would be a serious matter for the offender. In the present case I shall only order the fine to be imposed, and any other proceedings that may be taken in the case will be a matter for future consideration."

"I am sitting for Judge Cowing at present, and may confer with him in regard to the matter."

"Fortunately, there